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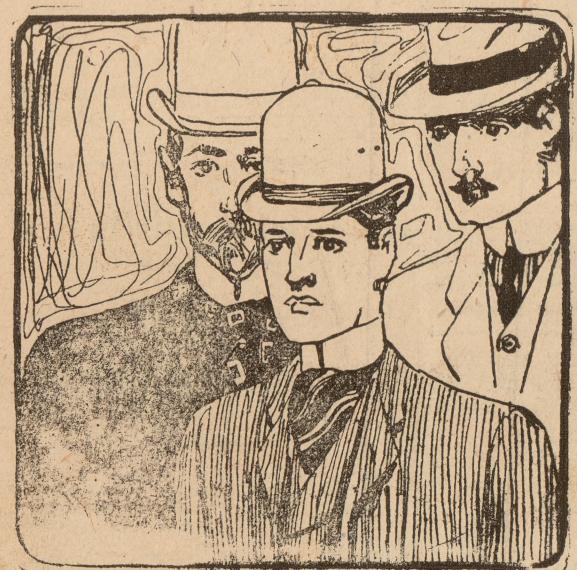
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UPTOWN

IN A FIT OF ABERRATION

Jacob L. Strany Commits Suicide, Tuesday

HAD BEEN AN INVALID

Coroner's Inquest Decided That His Mind was Unbalanced

People on the streets were startled yesterday about 9 a.m. by the report that Jacob L. Strang, an old and respected citizen living at 628 Prospect street, had committed suicide by hanging. The report proved to be only too true.

It was learned at the home that he ate his breakfast about 8 o'clock and soon went to the barn as was his custom. About 8:30 a grandson who was living with his grandparents went to the barn for something before starting for school and discovered his grandfather hanging. He rushed back to the house and told his grandmother and the neighbors were called and the rope was cut. It is said he gasped once after he was cut down.

He was in his 70th year and rather feeble health. He had been despondent for some weeks but nothing was really feared as to his making way with himself, although he said to Dr. Jenks who was called to see him that he thought of putting a rope around his neck as some neighbor had done whom he mentioned. He was on the verge of nervous prostration and this undoubtedly led him to commit the rash act.

He was born in Westchester county, New York, and was married there in 1859 to Miss Abbie Denike, who survives him. They came to Michigan in 1861 and settled in the township of Superior. In 1886 they moved to Ypsilanti and have resided here since. There are three children—two sons, Elijah and Olin, and a daughter, Mrs. Mary T. Huston.

He was well circumstanced financially and had nothing of that nature to distract him. He had recently become greatly enfeebled. He is spoken of as an upright, honorable man and a good citizen. He was a very kindly man in his family and respected by all. The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made on account of the absence of some members of the family. These will be announced later.

The inquest, which was held by Coroner Watts, in the afternoon at Justice Childs' office, brought out very little in addition to what was common talk about the streets all day.

The inquest on the body of Jacob L. Strang Tuesday afternoon before Coroner Watts in Justice Childs' office brought out little more than what was learned at the home in the morning.

The deceased's finances were in excellent shape, his family relations were of the best, he had given no previous indications of suicidal tendencies, but nervous prostration had sapped his strength and vigor and left him the prey to groundless anxiety and apprehensions, and it was very evident upon hearing the testimony of the different witnesses that he had taken his life while mentally unbalanced from nervous weakness. So the spectators of the inquest concluded, and so the jury was selected in their verdict.

The first witness was Wm. Strang, the grandson of the deceased, who told of seeing his grandfather early in the morning at breakfast, and then as he missed him about 8 o'clock, of going to the barn where he found his dead body hanging from a joist. He had been in poor health and spirits for some time, but the family had had no reason to suspect that he contemplated suicide.

E. L. Strang, a son, of Superior township, testified that he had been called to the city by news of the fatality, and that when he reached his old home his father's dead body was lying on the barn floor.

Several neighbors of the family testified to having been attracted to the barn by Mrs. Strang's screams on seeing her husband's dead body.

The funeral will be held today from the Free church in Superior township, Dr. C. T. Allen of this city officiating.

SHUDDERS AT HIS PAST.
"I recall now with horror," says Mail Carrier Burnett Mann, of Leavenworth, O., "my three years of suffering from Kidney trouble. I was hardly ever free from dull aches or acute pains in my back. To stoop or lift mail sack made me groan. I felt tired, worn out, about ready to give up, when I began to use Electric Bitters, but six bottles completely cured me and made me feel like a new man." They're unrivaled to regulate Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed by C. W. Rogers & Co., and Morford & Smith. Only 50 cents.

THE DEATH OF MRS. WOODRUFF

WIDOW OF THE FORMER EDITOR OF THE SENTINEL

The Demise Took Place at the Arnold Home in Detroit

Mrs. Mary M. Woodruff, widow of the late Charles Woodruff, former editor of the Ypsilanti Sentinel, died at the Arnold Home, on Fort street, Detroit, Tuesday afternoon, aged 79 years.

Many of Ypsilanti's citizens were saddened by learning of the death of Mrs. Chas. Woodruff at Arnold's home, Detroit. She was well known here and had many friends, many of whom have known her since her younger days.

Her father was a potter by trade, well known and highly esteemed. In her younger days when she was known as Mary Jones, she was one of the brightest and most popular of Ypsilanti's young ladies. She was born in Vermont in 1822, but came here while very young. She received her education and was one of the best classical students at Mrs. Clark's school in Ann Arbor. After completing her work there she married Mr. Chas. Woodruff, then a promising young man of Ypsilanti. Mr. Woodruff was well known here. His life was given a short time since in these columns as it is after whom the fifth ward school is named.

Mrs. Woodruff was woman of very retentive memory and by reading a great deal kept herself well posted on the current events of the day. She and Mrs. Starkweather were great friends and Mrs. Starkweather left her a yearly fund for life. This was greatly appreciated by Mrs. Woodruff.

During Mr. Woodruff's last illness about three years ago, she was with him constantly, doing all she could to make his last days as pleasant as possible. Some little time after his death Mrs. Woodruff met with an accident, falling and breaking her hip. Since that time, though not confined to bed continually, she has been an invalid. A few months after her fall she was taken to the home of her son, Charles, in Detroit, where she has lived until a few weeks ago, when she was removed to Arnold's home, where she died.

She leaves four sons, three of whom are in Detroit, and one of whom is here. She has also one brother, John Jones, who is at present living in Lansing.

Mrs. Woodruff was a woman who lived her whole life for others and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

The body will be brought to Ypsilanti for burial Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Highland cemetery.

PARTICAPANTS FOR COMMENCEMENT

The faculty of the high school have chosen the following as participants in the commencement program, which will be given Friday evening, June 21: Alger Abel, Mervyn Green, Bernard Johnson, Raymond Miller, Anna Campbell, Bessie Emerick, Helen Gage, Edith Guerin.

The senior class have selected the following as class-day participants:

Valedictorian—Herbert Harper. Salutatorian—Valester Burkheimer.

Poet—Bessie Saxton.

Orator—Raymond Parsons.

Historian—Anna Holmes.

Declamation—William Sherman.

Essayist—Lena Shaw.

Prophet—Mamie Evans.

Recitation—Clara Vorce.

Giftorians—Minnie Boyce.

The class have chosen purple and white for their colors and "Mme. Nunquam" as their motto.

SOOY WILL TEACH AT MILAN

Milan, Mich., May 7.—Prof. W. J. Guthrie, principal of the Milan public schools, has resigned. F. H. Sooy, at present in the Normal at Ypsilanti, will take his place. Miss Knight will remain in the school as assistant superintendent and the other teachers will remain, except Miss Niles of the grammar room, whose place will be taken by Miss Donna McLaughlin of York, and Miss Armstrong of the primary department, whose place will be taken by Miss Raymond of Ypsilanti.

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She Goes Through Life Making Every One Happy.

It is no good howling over spilled milk, and the right sort of woman does not allow the frets and worries of everyday life to disturb her serenity. Whether the day be dark or bright she preserves her calm and cheerful spirit and is a perfect godsend to the nerve racked and arid folk around her.

It is she who tames the gouty old uncle and the fractious infant. To her both old and young alike turn in their troubles to be cheered and comforted. Her kindly sympathy and large heart make her see the reason for other people's sins and frailties and to extend to them the right hand of fellowship. She might not do well as a judge in a court of law, but she is a very pleasant and lovable woman, and by her very charity and her power of seeing the best in every one she calls forth their best even from society's black sheep, inspiring them to strive to rise on stepping stones of their dead selves to higher things. She never gives a dog a bad name, and by not doing so she saves many a one from earning it.

A CHILD'S CONFIDENCE.

What It Means For the Children to Have Trust In Their Mothers.

Confidence, implicit trust—what beautiful words these are, and how much they mean! How pleased we are when some one believes in us, and when some one has implicit and boundless confidence in us how deeply flattered we are and how hard we try not to spoil that person's opinion of our wisdom and goodness! Yet some people don't care whether their children believe in them or not!

There is nothing so beautiful as the way a little child looks up to its mother. 'Tis him she is the perfection of wisdom and goodness. More's the pity that impression doesn't last. "Oh, yes," I hear some one say, "that's all very well when the child's small, but he soon gets to thinking he knows more than his parents. I haven't the least hesitation in saying that in nine cases out of ten this is the parents' fault, the mother especially, for she should be the confidant, the grown up chum of her children. A mother should always find time to listen to the troubles of her children; she should advise them wisely, and never scold or laugh at them when they come to her with their little confidences. A mother should be more than a creature who issues commands; she should be her children's best friend. The fear of hurting the gentle heart of this best friend will prove more efficacious than all the rules and punishments ever devised, and it will be an influence which will last through life. The girl who cannot make a confidant of her mother will find such a bosom friend elsewhere, and the boy who feels that his mother does not understand him will find some one who does; for it is human nature to demand sympathy and to exchange confidences with another.

The woman who has no time to listen to her children's troubles, who never joins in their games and whose sole interest in their studies consists in finding out whether they have high marks is no mother at all. She may be obeyed implicitly, her household may be a well ordered one, but her children after the first few rebuffs will never consult her when in difficulties. They will decide things for themselves, and in after years when they come to the crisis in their lives it will be the same. "Mother doesn't know," "She wouldn't understand"—how often one hears these words from a girl's lips! And what do they mean?



That mother never has understood. That she has stood on her high pedestal and never condescended to come down to the child's level and read the secrets of a child's heart. Mother does not understand, but some one else does, and guided by that somebody or perhaps, guided only by her lonely self, the girl takes her course for good or for worse and perhaps ruins her life forever. Then the mother wrings her hands and asks heaven why it ever sent her such an ungrateful child, and she dares—oh, the irony of the thing—to complain because the girl did not consult her!

MAUD ROBINSON.

When women love us, they forgive us everything, even our crimes. When they do not love us, they give us credit for nothing, not even for our virtues.—Elizac.

COULDN'T SPARE A SINGLE VOTE

When the Normal Appropriation Bill Passed

TOTAL \$243,432.20

There is \$5,000 More Than was Given When it Originally Passed the House

The Normal College appropriation bill as amended and passed by the senate, passed the house Thursday. The bill now carries \$5,000 more than when it originally passed the house. The additional amount is for manual training at the college. The bill as it goes to the governor carries a total of \$243,432.40, divided as follows: Current expenses for each of the two years, \$74,491.40; repairs, \$22,450; science building, \$50,000; manual training, \$5,000. The bill with this senate amendment had not a vote to spare in the house.

It is rumored that the appropriation may have some difficulty with the governor, but it is to be hoped such is not the case. The appropriation is badly needed, every dollar of it. A science building is absolutely necessary to the highest and best work of that department. Then as for manual training, it is high time something is done in that line. Many of the public schools are doing work in manual training and as the sole purpose of the college is to prepare teachers for their work, that preparation should include manual training. These young men and women who are preparing themselves for the teacher's profession should find an equipment at the Normal College in all lines of work done in the public schools. Certainly nothing less will enable the college to fill its sphere.

SUMMER SCHOOL AT THE NORMAL

The announcement of the summer term at the Normal, which has recently been issued, shows that last year's plan of offering a twelve and an eight-weeks' course will be continued, and that many of the subjects may be taken either in twelve weeks, with four recitations a week, or eight weeks, with five recitations.

Students taking the longer course will be allowed to carry four subjects, which will give them 48 weeks' credit, but those who enter in the eight weeks' course may take but three subjects, with resulting credit of 36 weeks.

The faculty for the summer term includes Principal Lyman, professor; John C. Stone, assistant; Miss T. Letitia Thompson, instructor in mathematics; Prof. Julia A. King, assistant; Florence Shultes, instructor; Edith Todd, in history; Prof. Benj. L. D'Ooge, Latin and Greek; Prof. W. H. Sherzer, assistants; Jessie Phelps and George L. Davis, in natural science; Prof. C. T. McFarlane, instructor; Bertha Goodison, in drawing and geography; Prof. (pro tem.) Burgess Shank, associate Prof. S. B. Laird, in psychology and method; Director C. T. Peetzel, instructor; Mary I. Mann, in physical training; Assistants Abbie Pearce, Winifred Bangs and Estelle Downing, in English; Assistant Alice R. Robins, in French and German; Assistant Frederick R. Gorton, in physical science; Instructors Carrie Tower and Minor E. White, in music; Marie Kopp, Abigail Lynch and Harriet M. Plunkett, critics in the training school; Hester P. Stowe, kindergartner.

CATARRH,

Called an American disease, is cured by an American medicine, originated and prepared in the most catarrhal American countries.

That medicine is Hood's Sarsaparilla.

It cures radically and permanently, in that it removes the cause, cleansing the blood of serofulous and all other impurities. It overcomes all the effects of catarrh, too, and builds up the whole system.

NORMAL 14, M. A. C. II

NORMALITES IN GENERAL PLAYED A GOOD GAME.

CROWD HOWLED WITH JOY

Victory Was Snatched by the Pedagogues From Apparent Defeat.

Sherman, the alternate pitcher, and Denins, first baseman, are the heroes of the hour at the Normal, for they it was who snatched victory from defeat in the ball game with M. A. C. Saturday afternoon on the Normal grounds, and who were in chief measure responsible for the resulting score of 14 to 11 in favor of the pedagogues.

Gannon generally keeps opposing batters guessing, but the M. A. C. players figured out his twisters without difficulty, and after the first two or three innings began to bat out safe hits almost at will, until at the end of the sixth the score was 9 to 9.

Sherman was transferred to the box in the sixth in hopes that he would be able to stem the tide, and he did not prove wanting, as the two scores tallied by M. A. C. in that inning were due to errors made by his support, but nevertheless the situation with the score of 11 to 9 in favor of M. A. C. was still discouraging.

The eighth inning opened with a continuation of the Normal ill-luck, as Righter and Ireland, the first two men to bat, were put out on third and second respectively, but Smith and Peters managed to make first and then to land on third and second respectively. So when Dennis stepped up the crowd burst into a wild cheer and sent up appealing shouts for "just a nice little single, and a two-bagger, Dennis!"

Dennis took two balls and fanned once, but caught the next ball squarely on his bat, and sent it sailing far out into center field.

The crowd lost its wits when it realized the significance of the hit, and fairly howled with joy as Dennis made his way safely to second and Smith and Peters raced home. Everybody believed that the balloon had gone up, and expected the Normalites to pick up seven or eight scores hand running, but after Dennis had stolen second and came home on Gannon's safe hit, Gass was put out on a fly to the third baseman.

It was now up to Sherman to hold M. A. C. down to goose eggs, and he proved equal to the emergency.

For the three innings Sherman was in the box he only gave one hit, while he struck out two men, and put out three more at first base by grand stand fielding, with the result that the only M. A. C. man to reach third base was Miller, to whose credit also is the only hit made in the last three innnings.

The Normalites struck another narrow streak of batting in the ninth inning. King and Righter scoring on errors made by the M. A. C. catcher and third baseman, which made the score 14 to 11.

The Normalites in general played a good game, and had the visitors in trouble, while the Normalites were in trouble, but when the honest man comes you kick him. You has a lucky man to get out of it for ten dollars."

Some other day a man comes into my shop mit a package und a buck, und he calls out:

"Vhas die Hans, der German cobbler?"

"She vhas," I says.

"All right. Sign dis book und gif me 70 cents for a package from Chicago by express."

He gets his money and goes away, and when I open dot package she vhas only some cabbage head. I goes by dot little tailor und tell him, and he says:

"Vhell, I neffer see sooch hayseeds. Can't you tell some swindlers when you see him? If somebody else comes mit a package, you shall gif him der grand bounce."

I goes home und puts ou some invisible patches, und in four days a man comes in ag'in mit a package und a book.

"Where vhas dot Hans, der cobbler?"

"Right here," I says.

"Vhell, you sign dis book und gif me feefy cents for a package from Boston."

"You vhas a willain," I says, "und I shall gif you some grand bounces to do you good."

I hit dot man on der chin und pull his hair und boot him, und he don't fight back. In one hour I know he vhas all right, und dot package vhas sole leather, and if I don't gif him sefen dollar I vhas in state prison for life. When I see dot little tailor, I blows him oop, but he laughs und says:

"If you can't tell somebody from somebody, you had better hang yourself."

M. QUAD.

What Occasioned the Loss.

"You had a little deal in wheat, I believe."

"Yes."

"And it ended disastrously?"

"It did."

"What was the trouble?"

"The cinch bug."

"You mean the cinch bug, don't you?"

"No, I don't. The cinch bug frequents the wheatfield, while the cinch bug frequents the board of trade, and the number of deals that he nips would astonish you."—Chicago Post.

Repartee.

Elder Sister—Mr. Billmore and you were in the parlor a long time last night, but I don't suppose you used much gas.

Younger Sister—The reason you didn't see any burning, Emily, was because Harold carelessly hung his hat on the door knob.—Chicago Tribune.

A Sudden Thing.

Strawber—it's wonderful how suddenly you can stop an automobile.

Singerly—Isn't it? I was 20 miles from home the other day, and mine stopped so suddenly I had to walk home.—Detroit Free Press.

HANS IS SWINDLED.

SHARPERS GET THE BEST OF THE GERMAN COBBLER.

He Goes to the Little Tailor With His Troubles, but the Advice He Gets Only Makes Matters a Great Deal Worse.

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I haf some gas meters put into my cobbler shop to make him a swell place, und she vhas in only six days when a man comes in und looks at her mit a candle und says:

"Vhell, cobbler, I take feefy cent from you for gas."

I paid him, und he goes avhay, but in one week another man comes in shuster same und says dot bill vhas 45 cent und he must collect. I paid him, und he says all right und goes avhay, but in three days dot third man comes in und says der gas bill vhas seexty cent.

I HAF TO KICK YOU TEN TIMES FOR A SWINDLER.

don't see how she vhas, und I don't want to pay, but he points his finger at me und yells out:

"If you don't pay, ouch comes dot meter, und I sue you nine times!"

Dot scares me, und I pay, but I go to dot little tailor und tells him about it und ask him how she vhas.

"Hans, you vhas some chumps," he says. "Nopdy comes for der gas bill but once a month. Dose chaps vhas some sharpers, und you vhas swindled, but if any more comes you shall gif 'em der boot."

Well, dot vhas all right, und I go avhay und sat down in my shop. Nopdy comes for ten days, und den a man walks in mit a candle und looks at dot meter in der eye und says:

"Cobbler, i haf to make det bill for 1,000 feet dia month."

"Dot vhas alt K. O.," I says ash 1 stands oop. "und I haf to kick you ten times for a swindler!"

I gif him some boots, und he goes avhay, but in two hours a lawyer comes und says it shall cost me ten dollars for kicking der gas man. I sends for dot little tailor, und he comes und says:

"Of course. What a fool you vhas! You don't do nottings to some swindlers, but when der honest man comes you kick him. You vhas a lucky man to get out of it for ten dollars."

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LETTER LII.

My Dearest—Arthur and the friend went off together yesterday. I am glad the latter staid just long enough after you left for me to have leisure to find him out human. Here is the whole story: He came and unbosomed to me three days ago, and he said nothing about not telling, so I tell you. As winter goes from a duck's back, so go all things worth hearing from me to you. Arthur had said to him, "Come down for a week," and he had answered, "Can't, because of clothes!" explaining that beyond evening dress he had only those he stood in. "Well," said Arthur, "stand in them, then; you look all right." "The question is," said his friend, "can I sit down?" However, he came, and was appalled to find that a man unpacked his trunk and would in all probability be carrying away his clothes each night to brush them. He, conscious of interiors, a lining hanging in rags and even a patching somewhere, had not the heart to let his one and only day jacket go down to the servants' hall to be snuffed over, and so every evening when he dressed for dinner he hid his jacket laboriously under the permanent layers of a linen wardrobe which stood in his room.

I had all this in the frankest manner from him in the hour when he became human, and my fancy fired at the vision. Graves with a fierce eye set on duty probing hither and thither in search after the missing coat and each night the search becoming more strenuous and the mystery more baffling than ever. It had a funny likeness to the Jack Raikes episode in "Evan Harrington" and pleased me more thus cropping up in real life.

Well, I demanded there and then to be shown the subject of so much romance and adventure and had the satisfaction of mending it, he sitting by in his shirt sleeves the while and watching delighted and without craven apologies.

I notice it is not his own set he is ashamed of, but only the moneyed, high sniffing servant class who have no understanding for honorable poverty, and to be misunderstood pricks him in the thinnest of thin places.

He told me also that he brought only three white ties to last him for seven days and that Graves placed them out in order of freshness and cleanliness night after night—first three new ones consecutively, then three once worn. After that, on the seventh day, Graves resigned all further responsibility and laid out all three of them for him to choose from. On the last three days of his stay he did me the honor to leave his coat out, declaring that my mendings had made it presentable before an emperor. Out of this dates the whole of his character, and I understand what I did not why Arthur and he got on together.

Now the house is empty, and your coming will be—I cannot say more welcome, but there will be more room for them to be after my own heart.

Heaven be over us both. Faithfully yours most loving.

LETTER LIII.

Beloved—I wish you could have been with me to look out into this garden last night when the spirit moved me there. I had started for bed, but became sensitive of something outside not normal. Whether my ear missed the usual echoes and so guessed a muffled world I do not know. To open the door was like slicing into a wedding cake. Then where was I to put my foot into that new laid carpet of ankle deepness? I hobbled out in a pair of my uncle's. I suppose it is because I know every tree and shrub in its true form that snow seems to pile itself nowhere as it does here. It becomes a garden of embombments. Now and then some heap would shuffle feebly under its shroud, but resurrection was not to be. The Lawson cypress held out great boxing glove hands for me to shake and set free, and the silence was wonderful. I paddled about till I froze. This morning I can see my big hoof marks all over the place, and Benjy has been scampering about in them as if he found some flavor of me there. The trees are already beginning to shake themselves loose, and the spell is over, but it had a wonderful hold while it lasted. I take a breath back into last night and feel myself again full of romance without words that I cannot explain. If you had been there even, I think I could have forgotten I had you by me, the place was so weighed down with its sense of solitude. It struck 11 while I was outside, and in that, too, I could hear a muffle as if snow choked all the belfry lattices and lay even on the outer edge of the bell itself. Across the park there are dead boughs cracking down under the weight of snow, and it would be very like you to tramp over just because the roads will be so impossible.

I heard yesterday a thing which made me just a little more free and easy in mind, though I had nothing sensibly on my conscience. Such a good youth who two years ago believed I was his only possible future happiness is now quite happy with a totally different sort of person. I had a little letter from him, shy and stately, announcing the event. I thought it such

turn them to grass in their old age. I let this out because I think it is time you had another laugh at me.

Laugh, dearest, and tell me that you have done so if you want to make me a little more happy than I have been this last day or two. There has been too much thinking in the heads of both of us. Be empty headed for once when you write next. Whether you write little or much I am sure always of your full heart, but I cannot trust your brain to the same pressure, it is such a Martha to headaches and careful about so many things, and you don't bring it here to be soothed as often as you should—not at its most needy moments, I mean.

Have you made the announcement or does it not go till today? I am sorry, since the move comes from her, that we have not to wait till February. You will feel better when the storm is up than when it is only looing. This is the headachy period.

Well, say "well" with me, dearest. It is going to be well. Waiting has not suited us—not any of us, I think. Your mother is one in a thousand—I say that and mean it—worth conquering, as all good things are. I would not wish great fortune to come by too primrosy a way. "Canst thou draw out Leviathan with a hook?" Even so for size is the share of the world which we lay claim to, and for that we must be toilers of the deep. Always, beloved, your truest and most loving.

LETTER LIV.

Beloved—We have been having a great day of tidying out, rummaging through years and years of accumulations—things quite useless, but which I have not liked to throw away. My soul has been getting such dusty answers to all sorts of doubtful inquiries as to where on earth this, that and the other lay hidden. And there were other things, the memory of which had lain quite dead or slept, till under the light of day they sprouted back into life like corn from the grave of an Egyptian mummy.

Very deep in one box I found a healthy little collection of secret playthings which is used to be my fond belief that nobody knew of but myself. It may have been Anna's graspiness, when four years of seniority gave her double my age, or Arthur's genial instinct for destructiveness, which drove me into such deep concealment of my dearest idols. But whether for those or more mystic reasons, I know I had dolls which I nursed only in the strictest privacy and lavished my firmest love upon. It was because of them that I bore the reproach of being but a lukewarm mother of dolls and careless of their toilets, the truth being that my motherly passion expended itself in secret on certain outcasts of society whom others despised or had forgotten. They, on their limp and dissolute bodies, wore all the finery I could find to pile on them, and one shady transaction done on their behalf I remember now without pangs.

There was one creature of state whom an inconsiderate relative had presented to Anna and myself in equal shares. Of course Anna's became more and more lionlike. I had very little love for the bone of contention myself, but the sense of injustice rankled in me. So one day at an unfolding Anna discovered that certain undergarments were gone altogether away. She sat aghast, questioned me and when I refused to disgorge screamed down vengeance from the authorities. I was morally certain I had taken no more than my just share, and resolution sat on my lips under all threats. For a punishment the whole ownership of the big doll was made over to Anna. I was no worse off and was very contented with my obstinacy. Today I found the beautifully wrought bodice, which I had carried beyond reach of even the supreme court of appeal, clothing with ridiculous looseness rag doll whose head tottered on its stem like an overripe plum and whose legs had no deportment at all, and am sending it off in charitable surrender to Anna to be given, bag and tag, to whichever one of the children she likes to select.

Also I found—would you care to have a lock of hair taken from the head of a child then 2 years old, which, bright golden, does not match what I have on now in the least? I can just remember her, but she is much of a stranger to both of us. Why I value it is that the name and date on the envelope inclosing it are in my mother's handwriting, and I suppose she loved very much the curly treasure she then put away. Some of the other things, quite funny, I will show you the next time you come over. How I wish that vanished mite had mixed some of her play hours with yours—you only six miles away all the time; had one but known—now grown very old and loving, always your own.

LETTER LV.

Beloved—I am getting quite out of letter writing, and it is your doing, not mine. No sooner do I get a line from you than you rush over in person and take the answer to it out of my mouth! I have had six from you in the last week and believe I have only exchanged you one. All the rest have been nipped in the bud by your arrivals. My pen turns up a cross nose whenever it hears you coming now and declares life so dull as not to be worth living. Poor dinky little Othello! It shall have its occupation again today and say just what it likes.

It likes you while you keep away, so that's said! When I make it write "come," it kicks and tries to say "don't," for it is an industrious minion, loves to have work to do and never complains of overhours. It is a sentimental fact that I keep all its used up brethren in an inclosure together and throw none of them away. If once they have ridden over paper to you, I

cannot have patience, where in this hedge bitten world is that virtue to bind a standing?

I kiss you—how? as if it were for the first or the last time? No, but for all time, beloved! Every time I see you or think of you sums up my world. Love me a little, too, and I will be as contented as I am your loving.

LETTER LVI.

Come to me! I will not understand a word you have written till you come. Who has been using your hand to strike me like this, and why do you lend it? Oh, if it is she you do not owe her duty! Never write such things. Speak! Have you ever found me not listen to you or hard to convince? Dearest, dearest, take what I mean. I cannot write over this gulf. Come to me. I will believe anything you can say, but I can believe nothing of this written. I must see you and hear what it is you mean. Dear heart, I am blind till I see eyes on you again. Beloved, I have nothing, nothing in me but love for you. Except for that I am empty. Believe me and give me time. I will not be unworthy of the joy of holding you. I am nothing if not yours. Tell this to whoever is delivering you.

Oh, my dearest, why did you stay away from me to write so? Come and put an end to a thing which means nothing to either of us. You love me, how can it have a meaning? Can you not hear my heart crying? I love nobody but you; do not know what love is without you. How can I be more yours than I am? Tell me, I will be.

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Have I never told you enough how I love you? Dearest, I have no words for all my love. I have no pride in me. Does not this alone tell you? You are sending me away, and I cry to you to spare me. Can I love you more than that? What will you have of me that I have not given? Oh, you, the sun in my dear heavens, if I lose you what is left of me? Could you break so to pieces even a woman you did not love? And me you do love—you do.

Between all that we wish to know of each other—me that you were true and brave and so beautiful that a woman must be afraid looking at you, and you that I was just my very self, loving and—no, just loving; I have no room for anything more? You have swallowed up all my moral qualities. I have none left. I am a beggar, where it is so sweet to beg. Give me back crumbs of myself! I am so hungry I cannot show it only by kissing you a hundred times.

Dear share of the world, what a wonderful large helping of it are you to me! I alter Portia's complaint and swear that "my little body is bursting with this great world." And now it is written, and I look at it, it seems a Budge and Toddy sort of complaint. I do thank heaven that the Godhead who rules in it for us does not forbid the recognition of the ludicrous! C. was telling me how long ago in her own dull Protestant household she heard a riddle propounded by some indiscreet soul who did not understand the prudish piety which reigned there and saw such shocked eyes opening all round on the sound of it. "What is it?" was asked, "that a common man can see every day, but that God never sees?" "His equal" is the correct answer, but even so demure and proper a support to thirsty theology was to the ears that heard it as the hand of Uzzah stretched out intrusively and deserving to be smitten. As for C., a twinkle of wickedness seized her, she hazarded "A joke" to be the true answer and was ordered into banishment by the head of that God fearing household for having so successfully diagnosed the family skeleton.

As for skeletons, why your letter makes me so happy is that the one which has been rubbing its ribs against you for so long seems to have given itself a day off, or crumbled to dissolution. And you are yourself again as you have not been for many a long day. I suppose there has been thunder and the air is cleared, and I am not to know any of that side of your discomforts?

Still I do know. You have been writing your letters with pressed lips for a month past, and I have been a mere toy thing, and no helpmate to you at all. Oh, why will she not love me? I know I am lovable except to a very hard heart, and hers is not; it is only like yours, reserved in its expression. It is strange what pain her preoccupation has been able to drop into my cup of happiness, and into yours, dearest, I fear even more.

It is sheer convention—and we, creatures of habit—that tears don't come kindly and easily to express where daughter leaves off and a something better begins. Which is all very ungrammatical and entirely me, as I am when I get off my hinges too suddenly. Amen, amen! When we are both 100, we shall remember all this very peacefully, and the "sanguine flower" will not look back at us less beautifully because in just one spot it was inscribed with woe. And if we with all our aids

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Between all this denial of me and all this silence of words that you have put your name to I see clearly that you are still my lover. Your writing breaks with trying not to say it. You say again and again that there is no fault in me. I swear to you, dearest, there is none unless it be loving you, and how can you mean that? For what are you and I made for unless for each other? With all our difference, people tell us we are alike. We were shaped for each other from our very birth. Have we not proved it in a hundred ways of happiness which have lifted us up to the blue of a heaven higher than any birds ever sang? And now you say, taking on you the blame for the very lifeblood in us both, that the fault is yours and that your fault is to have allowed me to love you and yourself to love me.

Who has suddenly turned our love into a crime? Beloved, is it a sin that here on earth I have been seeing God through you? Go away from me, and I am gone also. Ah, sweetheart, let me see you before all my world turns into a wilderness! Let me know better why if my senses are to be emptied of you. My heart can never let you go. Do you wish that it should?

Beloved, I will be patient, believe me, to any words you can say, but I cannot be patient away from you. If I have seemed to reproach you, do not think that now. For you are to give me a greater joy than I ever had before when you take me in your arms again after a week that has spelled dreadful separation. And I shall bless you for it—for this present pain even—because the joy will be so much greater.

Only come. I do not live till you have kissed me again. Oh, my beloved, how cruel love may seem if we do not trust it enough! My trust in you has come back in a great rush of warmth, like a spring day after frost. I almost laugh as I let this go. It brings you—perhaps before I wake. I shall be so tired tonight. Call under my window, make me hear in my sleep. I will wake up to you, and it shall be all over before the rest of the world wakes. There is no dream so deep that I shall not hear you out of the midst of it. Come and be my morning glory tomorrow without fail. I will rewrite nothing that I have written—let it go! See me out of deep waters again, because I have thought so much of you! I have come through clouds and thick darkness. Press your name to my lips a thousand times. As sure as sunrise I say to my self that you will come, the sun is not truer to his rising than you to me.

Love will go flying after this till I sleep. God bless you—and me also. It is all one and the same wish. Your most true, loving and dear faithful one.

LETTER LIX.

I have to own that I know your will now, at last. Without seeing you I am convinced. You have a strong power in you to have done that. You have told me the word I am to say to you. It is your bidding, so I say it—goodby. But it is a word whose meaning I cannot share.

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The blood may be in bad condition, yet with no external signs, no skin eruption or sores to indicate it. The symptoms in such cases being a variable appetite, poor digestion, an indescribable weakness and nervousness, loss of flesh and a general run-down condition of the system—clearly showing the blood has lost its nutritive qualities, has become thin and watery. It is in just such cases that S. S. S. has done some of its quickest and most effective work by building up the blood and supplying the elements lacking to make it strong and vigorous.

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YPSI DIDN'T GET A SINGLE HIT

The Ann Arbor high school baseball team outplayed the Ypsilanti team in a game at the Ypsilanti fair grounds Thursday and succeeded in defeating them by the score of 10 to 1, taking revenge for their defeat at the hands of Ypsilanti here Saturday.

Fox pitched an excellent game for Ann Arbor, striking out eight men and letting his opponents down without a single hit, while the Ypsilanti twirler was touched up for an even dozen.

The high school has greatly improved lately under the efficient coaching of Lombard and may be expected to make a good showing in their remaining games.</

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THURSDAY, MAY 9.

The house yesterday passed the senate bill allowing alimony to divorced husbands in certain cases out of any estate acquired by the wife during the married life of the pair. Men can now secure a money compensation for wounded affections in cases of breach of promise of marriage. Now, if the before mentioned bill shall become law, it will make a long step in advance in the way of giving man much needed protection against female triflers. Such a law will fill a long felt want and greatly lighten the burden due to woman.

Next week will occur the annual May Festival at Ann Arbor, an event which will bring visitors to the University City from hundreds of miles round about. It is indeed a rare treat to be able to attend these delightful musical entertainments and Ann Arbor people are to be felicitated on their opportunities. Everyone who loves music and can raise the money to hear these concerts should not fail to attend. Sometimes it almost seems there is keener appreciation of the festival on the part of outside people than by Ann Arborites. There is, of course, enormous cost connected with the production of such a musical treat and it is the duty of all who possibly can attend to do so to encourage the management. No finer program has ever been offered than the one to be brought on next week and Ann Arbor people should see to it that their full part is carried out in making it a financial success. They will certainly get value received for all the money put into it.

Mayor Thompson has pledged himself to do all in his power to secure new manufacturing enterprises for Ypsilanti during his term as mayor. He should have the active support of every citizen in this endeavor. Ypsilanti's present industries have about reached their limit and there is little show for an increase of her population and business except through the securing of other institutions than we now have. There is every indication that another Normal school will be established in the western part of the state and, if one is established there, it will undoubtedly lessen the attendance here. And in fact the Normal college at best cannot be expected to grow much beyond its present attendance. If Ypsilanti is to grow, therefore, something must be accomplished in the way of securing here something we have not now got. The Argus certainly wishes Mayor Thompson every success in his efforts to aid the growth of Ypsilanti and its columns are at his service to aid any plan which promises this result.

The proposal of the English government to place an export duty on coal is likely to cause serious labor disturbances and shows the straits to which the empire has been brought by the war with the South African republics. Her expenses have been and are enormous of course, but that she should be driven to an export tax on coal or what means the same thing, the laying of a heavy burden directly upon the labor and to the abandonment in considerable measure of her free trade policy is a surprise. The tax on coal will of course limit the output in which case less labor will be required to produce it, or if the export is continued at the present or an increased volume the tax will have to be paid by the producer and he in turn will take it out of his laborers. A reduction of wages is, therefore, a practical certainty from the proposed tax. The subject is under consideration by the organized labor of England, the most perfect and most powerful labor organization of the world. Should labor elect to fight England will have a most serious situation to confront at home. If the fight is ordered the government will lose much more than it will gain by the coal tax.

Attention, Ladies! St. Luke's Parish Aid society decided at their meeting Friday afternoon to give a baby party at the church house the first week in June. Prizes will be given to the prettiest boy baby, prettiest girl baby and the baby with the prettiest eyes. All babies from one month to two years old are invited to be present.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.
(OFFICIAL REPORT)

cutting in 1900..... 40 00
Total..... \$158 73
SEWER CONNECTION.
12, Rev. H. M. Morey..... \$11 34
12, Mrs. E. M. Spencer..... 11 34
13, Geo. McElcheran..... 11 34
10, W. W. Worden..... 11 00
17, Mary E. Crane..... 11 00
19, M. Ella Childs..... 14 74
27, Mary E. Spencer..... 11 34

Total..... \$81 73

PAVING FUND.

April 5, Mary H. Cheever, balance and interest on Congress street assessment..... \$67 61
April 9, Sale of 4 per cent bonds and premium..... 2010 00
April 15, C. L. Yost, first installment and int., Huron street assessment..... 23 58
April 29, Chas. E. Rexford, Wm. Pattison, assessment in full Pearl street..... 232 46
April 29, Edgar Rexford, Huron street assessment and interest in full..... 197 37
April 30, Wm. Deubel, sr., balance Huron street assessment and interest in full..... 464 00

Total..... \$2995 02
THIRD DISTRICT HIGHWAY FUND.

April 16, Sam Vail, dirt from st. \$5 00
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND.
April 18, E. Ryan, 2 loads of manure..... \$1 00.
April 30, E. Ryan 1 load manure 50
CONTINGENT FUND.
Dog licenses No. 1 to 5, inclusive. \$7 00
April 30, F. P. Worden, tool house..... 10 00

\$17 00

Which amounts are covered by the treasurer's receipts and cash on hand, and the several funds duly credited with the respective amounts. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES E. McGREGOR,

City Clerk.

On motion report accepted and filed.

Ypsilanti, May 1, 1901.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council.

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit my report as Poor Commissioner for the month of April, 1901:

Expended in the first ward..... \$14 00

Expenditure in the third ward..... 3 88

Expenditure in the fourth ward..... 8 12

Expenditure in the fifth ward..... 11 00

April 16, Ainsworth & Griffin, 60

cords of wood at \$1.85 per cord 111 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MARTIN CREMER.

City Marshal.

On motion report received and filed.

Ypsilanti, May 1, 1901.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council.

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit to your honorable body my report as City Marshal for the month of April, 1901:

April 2, E. Henion, disorderly, county jail 5 days.

April 2, Frank Harper, larceny, discontinued, costs paid.

April 2, James Gray, disorderly, county jail 10 days.

April 4, James Smith, drunk, county jail 5 days.

April 6, Oscar Fisk, drunk, county jail 20 days.

April 9, Benj. Smith, drunk, fine and costs paid.

April 12, James Donavan, begging, county jail 10 days.

April 12, John Fisher, drunk, county jail 20 days.

April 19, Geo. Taylor, drunk, county jail 5 days.

April 19, Earl Salem, drunk, county jail 15 days.

April 25, F. Butler, drunk, county jail 15 days.

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To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council.

Gentlemen:—I respectfully petition to you my annual report as chief of your Fire Department for the past year.

While there has been no serious fires in the past year the Department has responded to 32 calls, and the total loss from these fires as adjusted was \$3,500.

The Department has now in use 2,500 feet of cotton hose and 500 feet of rubber hose, all in first class condition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. W. WORDEN.

Chief of Fire Dept.

On motion report received and filed.

Ypsilanti, Mich., April 19, 1901.

Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Ypsilanti:

We have examined the books of the City Clerk and Marshal and find them correct.

JENAMIN C. PAGE.

ELISHA LOOMIS.

On motion report received and filed.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council.

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit my annual report as health officer for the year ending May 5, 1901.

At the beginning of the year the Board of Health was duly organized by the election of Ald. F. P. Worden as president and O. E. Pratt, secretary. The entire Board made a tour of inspection through the city to ascertain its sanitary condition and to determine the most effective measures to secure and maintain such a standard of excellence in all matters affecting the public health, as the enlightened sentiment of a progressive community demands. The location of the city, its natural advantages combined with the modern facilities available for the disposal of waste and effete matter, supply the means, if properly made use of, by which dwellings and grounds may be kept in that condition which will be most conducive to health. I would again respectfully suggest that measures be adopted by which owners of premises situated on the line of sewers may be required to connect their premises therewith. Much time has been employed in investigating complaints filed in this office respecting nuisances of various kinds and each one has been abated as promptly as circumstances would allow. We have made thorough personal inspection of the premises of over one hundred blocks in the central parts of the city, on both sides of the river, and have issued orders for the immediate removal of contents of privy vaults and garbage found thereon, which, with few exceptions, have been promptly and cheerfully complied with. Although this task, im-

posed upon the health officer, necessarily involved much time and labor and was not devoid of some unpleasant experiences for the time being, we are glad to report satisfactory results in nearly all the cases coming under our observation.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

One of the most important duties devolving upon the health officer is that of guarding the public against introduction and spread of dangerous communicable diseases. Small Pox has been widely prevalent through Michigan during the year and at this date is reported to exist in over one hundred places in our commonwealth. Fortunately our city has not been invaded by the dreaded pestilence and we sincerely hope that we will continue to be exempt from its presence and paralyzing influence. The only effective barrier against its introduction and spread is vaccination and rigid quarantine of every case making its appearance. Last November we addressed a communication to the Board of Education calling their attention to these facts and suggesting the propriety and necessity of instituting measures of prevention, by requiring each pupil in the public schools to, present a certificate of recent vaccination as a condition of their continued attendance. If this plan were adopted and carried out from year to year we would enjoy an immunity against this disease. In May and June, 4 cases of measles were reported to this office and were promptly quarantined. No further cases came to our notice during the year. June 13 an outbreak of scarlet fever appeared and continued to September 16, in which there were 8 cases reported. The origin of the disease could not be ascertained. Nov. 5, 1 case of scarlet fever appeared in one of the rooms of the Central school building and was promptly reported to the health officer, the case was quarantined with the other members of the family and in ten days another child in the same family was taken. A thorough investigation disclosed the fact that these cases originated with one child of another family attending the same school, during the stage of exfoliation or peeling of the skin. The physician attending this case failed to report it as the law requires and cannot escape a large share of responsibility for the prevalence of this dangerous disease during the months following.

The number of cases of scarlet fever reported during the outbreak is as follows:

November, 16; December, 16; January, 12; February, 7; March, 5; April, 6. Making the total number of cases of scarlet fever reported during the year 70.

I have reason to believe that the actual number of cases of this disease is considerably in excess of the number reported. The health officer has been kept pretty busy during the winter feting out and investigating suspicious cases, some of which were secreted by heads of families—others suppressed through the connivance and encouragement of the attending physician whose carelessness and lack of appreciation of the gravity of the disease were very conspicuous.

Practicing physicians, householders, hotelkeepers, keepers of boarding houses and tenants should understand that a neglect or refusal to promptly notify the health officer of the existence upon their premises of any case of contagious disease, subject them to a heavy fine and imprisonment upon conviction of such violation. I am glad to report that thus far during this persistent outbreak there have resulted only two deaths. One of that of a child 7 years old taken sick Dec. 7, died Dec. 14—the other an adult 30 years of age taken sick March 12 and died March 14. Two years ago we found the sanitary condition of the premises of the fifth ward school demanded earnest attention and rigorous measures for improvement, and through the persistent efforts of the Board of Health for that year, the construction of a sewer through East Congress street to Prospect avenue was ordered by the Common Council for the purpose of meeting the necessities of that school. No relief, however, came, and the school board has frequently been urged to abate the nuisance of open water closets in connection with that school. Happily, the construction of a modern building for the fifth ward school, in the near future, will practically solve this question. I would respectfully urge the incoming council to institute measures for the construction of a sewer to the first ward school.

To the President of the Board of Health, whose sympathy and co-operation have been both cordial and constant, and to the members of the board who have given wise counsel and timely aid, to the Mayor and his cabinet and members of the Common Council, and to all others whose courtesy and kindly encouragement have been very helpful, I return my warmest thanks.

Respectfully submitted,
O. E. PRATT.

Moved by Ald. Yost, that the able and comprehensive report of the city physician be received and filed. Carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

J. E. McGregor, City Clerk,
Ypsilanti, Mich.

Dear Sir:—Answering your advertisement for proposals for interest on daily balances of moneys deposited to the credit of the City of Ypsilanti, Mich., the Ypsilanti Savings Bank will pay two and one-half per cent per annum on daily balances on all such moneys; interest to be computed and paid at such times as the Council demands.

Very truly yours,

R. W. HEMPHILL, Cashier.

Motion by Ald. Worden that the bid of the Ypsilanti Savings Bank be accepted. Carried.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Ypsilanti:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Public Works, to whom was referred a petition for the construction of a sewer in Hamilton street, from man-hole at intersection of Cross and Hamilton streets to the north line of the property of Mrs. Denton, beg leave to report, after due consideration of the same, recommending that the petition be granted.

S. DAMON,

H. M. CURTIS,

Board of Public Works.

Dated Ypsilanti, May 3, 1901.

On motion of Ald. Worden report received and ordered placed on file.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Ypsilanti:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Public Works, to whom was referred a petition for the construction of a sewer in Hamilton street, from man-hole at intersection of Ellis and Hamilton streets to Pearl,

beg leave to report after due consideration of the same, recommending that the petition be granted.

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CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Enamelled Iron Co. \$18 00

M. Cremer 25 00

P. W. Ross 20 00

John Thumm 5 00

E. Lemis 3 00

Mrs. Pauline White 1 00

H. K. Scovill 1 00

I. N. Colby 1 00

C. L. Stevens 1 00

Geo. Gaudy 1 00

Thos. Ryan 16 00

H. Briggs 6 00

C. R. Huston 21 00

F. A. Boyce 1 00

DETROIT, YPSILANTI, ANN ARBOR & JACKSON RAILWAY

TIME TABLE

In Effect April 16th, 1901.

The first cars will leave Ypsilanti going east and west at 6:15 a. m. The first car leaves Ann Arbor going east at 6:45 a. m. Cars will run every half hour until 8:30 p. m., after that every hour; the last car leaving Ann Arbor going east at 11:15 p. m. and the last car west leaving Detroit at 11:15 p. m. In addition to this local car will leave Ann Arbor for Ypsilanti at 12:15 a. m. and another at 1:15 a. m.

Time Table—In Effect Jan. 2, 1901.

Leave Ypsilanti. Leave Saline.

6:45 a. m.	7:30 a. m.
8:45	9:45
10:45	11:45
12:45 p. m.	1:45 p. m.
2:45	3:45
4:45	5:45
6:45	7:30
8:45	9:45
10:45	11:45

A special car will be run from Ypsilanti at 12:45 a. m. on the arrival of the Opera car from Detroit, for special parties of ten or more, on short notice and without extra charge.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Miss Edith Holmes visited Grand Rapids Sunday.

Herbert Blodgett of Detroit is visiting in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ross have removed to Detroit.

Austin George, jr., leaves soon for Beaumont, Texas.

Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Ryan are the parents of a little son.

Cherryhill will play the city ball team, here, on Saturday.

G. P. Collins left the Cleary college for the summer Saturday.

W. W. Alexander of Detroit was an Ypsilanti visitor Saturday.

Dewitt C. Bucklin is visiting friends in Marshall for a few days.

James McQuade of Pittsburgh, Pa., is the guest of Miss Kate Duffy.

Hal. B. West is spending a few days visiting his father, T. J. West.

C. O. Willis has been called to Cleveland by the death of a brother.

Mrs. Vance of Port Huron has been spending a few days in the city.

Liss Lou Seymour is visiting relatives in Battle Creek this week.

Wm. Hatch, attorney for the D. Y. & A. A., was in the city yesterday.

W. A. Brayman of Huntington, Ind., is stopping at the Mineral Bath House.

Misses Maggie Dashner and Ida Coats have entered the Cleary college.

Rev. Horton of Detroit preached at the Methodist church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Duffy are jubilant over the advent of a son and heir.

Miss Ilene Root is entertaining her father from Kalamazoo for a few days.

Wm. Waterhouse of Clinton is visiting with J. C. Collins of the C. B. C. today.

Robt. Shier, of St. Louis, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Shier.

Co. L is being given weekly target practice under the direction of Capt. Britton.

Miss Jennie Moore has returned from a short visit with Miss Zeeta Starks of Albion.

Harry Parker, a former C. B. C. student, called on friends the early part of the week.

The Halcyon club will give the last of their series of dancing parties Friday evening.

Co. L has chosen Wilbur Tuttle as its first lieutenant and Bert Wint as second officer.

H. P. Glover has sold the Betsy Gates property on South Huron street to Phileus Case.

Mrs. Johnson of Toronto, formerly Miss Ruth Pease, is visiting her father, Prof. F. H. Pease.

Mrs. Harry Hamblett of Grand Rapids is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hay.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Key are singing in the Ann Arbor chorus which is to sing at the May Festival.

The comedy, "Seven-Twenty-Eight" will be repeated at Normal hall Saturday evening, May 11.

The Modern Woodmen will hold an initiation service at their hall on Friday evening, May 10.

Royal Hoover of the Cleary College has accepted a position in the D. Y. & A. A. waiting room.

Eugene Edgar, brother of the College base ball captain, paid Ypsilanti friends a visit this week.

R. E. Densmore has accepted a position as stenographer with the American Foundry Co., of Detroit.

Will Hizzer has succeeded Robert Yost as assistant bookkeeper at the Scharf, Tag, Label Box Co.

Miss Switzer of Howell spent the early part of the week with Miss Bertha I. Wright of the C. B. C.

Sol Berman has been elected secretary of the Ypsilanti branch of the American Federation of Labor.

Miss Anna B. Weaver of Marlett is visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred S. Horner of Ellis street, for a few days.

A dancing party was given at the Ladies' Library Thursday evening by a number of Normal young men.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett of Ann Arbor were entertained Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. George Key

Mr. and Mrs. Stokes of Detroit are spending a few days at the Sanitarium, where Mr. Stokes is taking baths.

John Dodds, who has been visiting with Mrs. Newton for the past week, returned to his home in Detroit yesterday.

Dick Whiting, who was removed some time ago to the Wayne county house has been taken from there to Pontiac.

The remains of Mrs. Woodruff will be brought here this afternoon at 4 o'clock for interment in Highland cemetery.

The many friends of Miss Kate Webster of Bridgeport, Conn., but formerly of Ypsilanti, will be grieved to learn of her recent death.

The Beta Nu society of the high school will give an entertainment in high school hall Friday evening. Admission, 15 cents.

James O'Brien paid \$5.70 in Justice Childs' court Monday for having walked tanglefoot on the streets the previous evening.

Mrs. D. P. Sullivan gave a pedro party at the Washtenaw Country Club yesterday afternoon, which was attended by 70 ladies.

A. E. LeFurge, clerk at the Occidental, has accepted a position in Detroit and will be succeeded by H. E. Vande Walker of Kalamazoo.

Richard Owen is expected to get out of doors today for the first time in a couple of weeks, having been confined to the house by illness.

The Beta Nu society of the High school held an initiation Friday evening. Those to suffer were Misses Eddy, Thermple and Cox.

The last of Co. L's Saturday night dances for the season will occur at the armory this week. The music will be furnished by Whitmire's orchestra.

Mrs. Casper Otto's remains were brought here from Detroit yesterday and interred in Highland cemetery. She formerly lived in Ypsilanti.

Newton Lyons was married Saturday in Windsor, Ont., to Miss Minnie McQuarry. Mr. Lyons is connected with the D. Y. & A. A. at this place.

W. H. Bishop has resigned the office of justice of the peace in Whittaker township and will remove to Ypsilanti. The new justice will be John Herley.

Messrs. H. C. Fisk and P. W. Carpenter and their families will spend the rest of the week at Portage lake in a short outing, leaving tomorrow morning.

George Barrett and "Billy" Stevenson stopped at the Occidental yesterday afternoon on their way to Toledo, where they will enter the Maumee bicycle road race.

Alf. Moore, who was awarded the contract to furnish barrels to the Cement City Cement Co. for the coming year, has opened a shop on the company's grounds.

Prof. F. R. Bellows former professor of mathematics at the Normal, was seized Wednesday with a partial stroke of apoplexy, and his condition continues serious.

The Ypsilanti Savings bank filed a bid offering to pay 2½ per cent the coming year for the city funds and was awarded the contract by action of the council Friday night. This was a surprise as it was supposed the funds would go to the First National, as Fred Gallup is said to be slated for city treasurer. If the present arrangement holds, therefore, he will have to do his banking at the Savings bank.

Robert K. Wharton, minister of the First Presbyterian church, will preach next Sunday morning and evening. Morning worship at 10:30, with sermon on "A Primitive Christian Experience." Evening worship at 7:30, with sermon on "The Risen Jesus and Peter." Sunday school at 12 m. Young people's meeting at 6:30 in the evening. The people's service, Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

James Arms has resigned from the constabulary of the first district, as he is about to remove to the east side. In view of the facts that that there are no prominent republican candidates for the office, that an effort is being made to remove the police force from politics and that P. W. Ross is an excellent officer, many republicans are prepared to urge upon the council the re-election of Ross, although he is a democrat.

The Guild club of the Episcopal church gave an enjoyable musical at the Parish House Thursday evening, at which the following took part in an excellent program: Fred Ellis, baritone; Arthur Bostick, pianist; Miss Ruth Putnam, pianist; Mrs. Grace Stevens McHarg and Miss Lotta Coombs, vocal duet; Miss Nellie Foerster, piano solo and violin solo; Miss Ethel Clark, vocal solo; Miss Antoinette Van Cleve, violin solo; Harold Judd, recitation.

F. L. Camp & Co., stock brokers, of Buffalo, N. Y., who were represented here by Wm. Reader, failed a week ago yesterday. Word was received yesterday that they would settle all claims against them in a few days. For that reason Mr. Reader's office has been closed for a few days. He re-opened it this morning, however, and is now representing the Western Stock & Grain Co., of Cincinnati, a very conservative company who have but six offices in Michigan.

The officers of the Industrial school in the First ward school building gave their pupils a fine banquet Saturday afternoon, consisting of ice cream, cake, sandwiches, candy, etc.

A large gang of men are building one of the new girder bridges on the Michigan Central near the wooden mill, to take the place of the overhead truss bridge which now does service.

William Reider, whose stock and grain exchange was recently closed on account of the failure of the parent company, has reopened his office, this time as a branch of the Western Stock and Grain Exchange.

Harry Dashner has resigned his position with Ferguson & Schneider and will enter the employ of the Metropolitan Insurance Co. He is to have charge of the St. Clair district with his headquarters in Ypsilanti.

The funeral of Dexter Billings was held at the residence on South Hamilton street Friday. The body was taken to Hudson for burial. Dr. Billings was a physician in Hudson for nearly a quarter of a century.

F. E. Story of the Normal has been elected superintendent of the Milan public schools for the coming year, and Miss Raymond, a Normal student, has been chosen as instructor of the second grade of the central school.

Edwin Robinson of the Cleary College is establishing quite a reputation as a hypnotist. He has succeeded in bringing several of his friends under his control and has thereby occasioned a good deal of amusement.

O. R. Underwood of South Huron street, who has been employed at the power house of the D. Y. & A. A. has accepted a position at Monroe as electrical engineer. His many friends wish him success in his new position.

The new police commission will hold a meeting Friday night to take the oath of office and organize for duty. The charter requires the commission to make the appointments the second Monday in May which is next Monday.

Mr. Howe has resigned his position as captain of the Cleary baseball team; due to a "game leg" received in the game with the Normals. Mr. Edgar, the plucky little shortstop was elected captain for the rest of the season.

Mrs. W. M. Cole, from Los Angeles, Cal., is in the city to spend the summer with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Voorhees. She brought with her some oranges grown this season in her garden. One left at Sullivan & Cook's measured 13½ inches around and weighed one pound four and a half ounces.

The state adjutant-general's report on the State National Guards' last annual camp, which has just been published, contains the information that Co. L made the best record of all the companies for target practice, its average being 13 1-2, the next highest being the average of Cos. E and I of the Third regiment, which was 12 1-4.

Geo. Key started out yesterday representing Mr. Laing of Detroit with Laing's "Planetarium," a neat little instrument which explains very simply points in regard to the seasons, etc., which have been hitherto difficult to explain to children. Mr. Key will also take with him several of the Ypsilanti Window Fixture Co.'s display stands.

It looks as though the Normal base ball team had a tough proposition for the 25th of this month when they play Kalamazoo. Kazoo played the University of Minnesota yesterday and were defeated by the narrow margin of 8 to 7. It is thought, however, that Kazoo had an outside battery as Schau which have been hitherto difficult, to the task of becoming dry and warm was not so easy of accomplishment. The matches had been spoiled by the water, so the castaways were obliged to shiver through the remainder of the night without even the most meager blaze, to dry their garments or warm themselves.

The high school lecture and entertainment course for the season closed Friday night with a concert given by the high school music class, assisted by a few others from Ypsilanti. Prof. Maybee had charge of the work, and too much praise cannot be given him for the work of the chorus and orchestra. The chorus was well balanced by the different parts, each for itself speaking well for the training. The voices were in perfect harmony, the volume full and time excellent. The piano and violin accompaniment added much to the pleasure of the occasion, their music being fine and filling in perfectly. The quartet from Ypsilanti which also did the solo work, presented their parts well, excepting the tenor singer, who evidently was not "in it."

—Saline Observer.

Y. W. C. A.

The Girls' club meets as usual Thursday evening.

The rummage sale will be continued every Thursday. We wish to thank those who have so willingly furnished goods.

Friday evening at 7:15 the class in physical culture will meet.

The sewing school will meet as usual Saturday at 2:30 and the Battenberg class at 4 p. m.

Sunday afternoon Rev. Mr. Gardam will give his long postponed talk. A most cordial invitation is extended to all. Come and bring some one.

Mr. Brown's Bible class is held on Tuesday afternoon at four and the penmanship class at 7:30 in the evening.

There will be no stitch exchange this week. Look for place of meeting in next week's paper.

YPSILANTI TOWN.

Will Wiard is setting five acres of strawberries.

Mr. Fordyke, who has been sick with pneumonia, is improving.

Hiram Eaton is pronounced a little under the weather the past week.

Mr. Hall has put in a very large cistern, with a filter, for Arthur Cross.

Mr. Guelph has moved his family in the D. C. Griffin house in this vicinity for a temporary stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Freeman of Romulus came up Saturday to see Mrs. M. E. Freeman, who is still in very poor health.

Mrs. Wm. Fell has closed her house, sold her household belongings and this week will join her husband in Brockville, Penn.

An agent is again visiting families on the River road in the interests of a franchise for an electric road between Ypsilanti and Belleville.

The Ladies' Helping Hand society met last Thursday with Mrs. Dale. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. David Campbell's on Decoration day. After dinner the society will visit the Udel cemetery and decorate the graves of their members who have passed away.

IT SAVED HIS LEG.

P. A. Danforth, of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklin's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25¢. Sold by C. W. Rogers & Co., and Morford & Smith.

Subscribers who pay one dollar in advance to the Sentinel-Commercial will be given a map of Michigan and the world worth a dollar.

At their regular meeting Friday afternoon the Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church voted unanimously to have the basement dining-room floored with pine or oak, at a cost of \$175 in the case of the lumber, which will be decided upon later. The ladies complain that the present cement floor is damp, and they are enough in earnest over the matter to be willing to foot the bills in order to secure a change.

Co. G held a meeting in Light Guard armory Tuesday evening, at which they made

HONEST ABE, U. S. M.

THE RURAL MAIL CARRIER HEARS ABOUT A LOVE MATCH.

He Gives Aunt Sally His Private Opinion of the Case, but Takes Care the Government Doesn't Get Mixed Up In It.

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Just as I reached Farmer Riker's on my trip the other day my car broke down, and Mrs. Riker came out and said:

"Now, Abe, I'm glad on't. It does seem like a stroke of Providence. I've been wanting to have a talk with you for a week past, but you was in a hurry or Benjamin was around."

"What's on your mind, Aunt Sally?"

I asks as I works away at the repairs.

"It's about our Mirandy, Abe. You know she's 27 years old and never had



THERE THAT FELLOW STOOD SMILING AT MIRANDY."

An offer of marriage, but it do really look as if things was coming her way at last. What you got in that box up there?"

"A porous plaster for Uncle Tobe Brown, a box of pills for Jim Hobson, a bottle of liniment for Mrs. Dawson's rheumatism and pins, thread, needles, hairpins, cough drops, shirt buttons and shingle nails for various other folks."

"What a kind hearted, accomodating man! But about Mirandy. She's in the house cutting over carpet rags and singing the 'Sweet By and By,' and I don't know when I've seen her look so happy. Say, Abe, I want"—

"Hold on, Aunt Sally," I says—"hold right on till I know whether what you've got to say is an international question for the state department to handle or only a confidential communication between you and me. Don't never forget that I'm representing the United States of America through the postoffice department. It's a powerful burden on a man's back, but I'm trying to bear it without busting my overcoat."

"You needn't worry, Abe," she replies. Mirandy hain't been walking around on the Monroe doctrine or stickin' up her nose at our colonial policy. She's got a beau at last, and I don't reckon that has anything to do with Uncle Sam. He rather encourages such things, as I understand it. I'm talking to you as an old friend and not as the feller who carries the American eagle under his arm."

"Then go ahead and tell me all about it, and I'll do my best to encourage the match. Who wants Mirandy?"

"It's a feller what come along a few days ago with a new sort of wire clothesline. He puts up 200 feet for a dollar, and if you ain't satisfied after six months' trial he takes it down and leaves you a corn sheller or a parlor organ in its place for nothing. He come along here the other week when Benjamin was gone to town and I was busy with the churning, and I sent Mirandy to the door to tell him to move on or take the end of the broomstick. She was so long about it that I finally followed after, and I was never so astonished in my whole life. There that fellow stood smiling at Mirandy, and there Mirandy stood smiling at him, and you'd thought he'd been her beau for the last six months."

"Case of love at first sight," says I.

"It was, Abe, it was, and they was bold as brass about it. When I started to box Mirandy's ears, she turned on me, and when I told the fellow we didn't want no windmills, patent gates, washing machines, pianos, bearpairs or lightning rods he almost winked at me as he enters the house and takes a cheer and says he has at last met the angel of his dreams. If Mirandy hadn't put her finger in her mouth and run up stairs, I believe he'd have proposed to her then and there. Do men fall in love that way, Abe—good men?"

"Are you asking me as representing the postoffice department, the present administration and the United States of America at large, Aunt Sally?"

"Of course not. The postmaster general and the United States can go to ballyhoo if we can get Mirandy married off to some good man. Don't you try to make out that this has anything to do with the Alaska boundary or the Nicaragua canal."

"Well, then, giving you my private opinion, which needn't go no further, a feller is sometimes hit with love the same as with a crowbar, and maybe a woman is too. What's the chap's name?"

"Hawkins, and Mirandy says it's awfully romantic."

"What does he look like?"

"Like a bean pole with clothes on, but Mirandy says that all the cavaliers and knights she has ever read of looked just that way. She sorter thinks this feller is a cavalier in disguise, and the goes around purring like a kitten after supper."

"Has the feller declared his love for her?" I asks as my job is almost finished.

NEXT MEETING

AT DEXTER

Washtenaw Baptists Have Closed the Session

TOTAL ABSTINENCE

Resolutions to This Effect Were Passed and Officers Were Elected

The Thursday session of the Washtenaw Baptist association was called to order at the Baptist church by Moderator Brown, at 9 o'clock, and half an hour was devoted to devotional services led by Deacon J. W. Canfield, after which an hour was taken up with the reading of church letters and the appointing of committees.

Mr. Daniel Putnam of Ypsilanti gave an able address on "Some Lessons from the Past." "The past with its hardships and apparently insurmountable obstacles so bravely overcome," said Dr. Putnam, "contains many valuable lessons for the present. The problems of the past were clean cut and tangible, and they were met with the energy and clear-sighted wisdom of the early pioneers in a manner which should give warm encouragement to those who are at present in the battle for truth and Christ."

In conclusion Dr. Putnam urged upon his hearers the value of keeping the mind open for new truths, instead of yielding to the ever-present temptation of believing that the old thoughts and the old methods are alone of value.

The meeting was closed with a talk on "The Christian Use of Money" by Dr. R. R. Howell of Ann Arbor.

The afternoon session was opened with a devotional meeting, led by Rev. B. F. McWilliams, of Ann Arbor, after which an hour was taken for the reports of committees and the closing up of all unfinished business.

The meeting voted to hold the next annual meeting at Dexter, and appointed Rev. F. A. Stiles of Chelsea as "preacher" for the meeting.

The meeting adopted a number of resolutions, among which were the following:

Resolved, That we would recommend any wise plan which may be advised for the unification of the work of the several missionary agencies, viz.: the Home and Foreign Missionary societies, and the American Baptist Publication society.

Resolved, That we rejoice and thank God for the steady prosperity attending our work of Christian education at Kalamazoo College, and recommend its most liberal support by our churches, both in its building enterprises and its provisions for aid to young men preparing for the ministry.

Resolved, That we declare ourselves in hearty sympathy with every effort looking toward the maintenance of the principle of that abstinence from the usage of intoxicants as a beverage and toward the total extinction of the saloon.

The association elected Rev. James Brown as one of the directors at the coming state convention, and named Rev. C. E. Pattison of Milan and Rev. P. P. Farnum of Gregory as delegates to the state convention.

At 3:30 o'clock the ladies took possession of the field and under the direction of Mrs. Severance of Ann Arbor as chairman, gave a short program the first number on which was a paper "The Baptist Training School at Chicago," by Mrs. W. W. Beman of Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Beman told of the circum-

stances under which the school was established, and gave an interesting account of the institution's growth and present workings.

Miss Helen Elgie, the general secretary of the Normal Y. W. C. A., who has been appointed a missionary to Ningpo, China, by the Baptist Mission, spoke of her future work, which will be at the girls' boarding school at Ningpo as assistant to Miss Corbin, a former Ypsilanti young lady, and made a few remarks on foreigners in general.

The session was closed with an exercise, "The Karen," by the Junior union of Ypsilanti.

The evening meeting was opened with a devotional sermon led by H. T. Dagistan of Ann Arbor, and a short talk was given by Harvey Montgomery of Ann Arbor, after which Rev. D. MacLaurin of Detroit was introduced for the address of the evening, "Christianity the Religion of the People: Is it not the Religion of all the People?"

"Why is it that all the people are not Christians? Why is it that the majority of the people are not Christians?" asks Dr. MacLaurin and, he answers his own questions somewhat as follows:

"I do not believe that Christianity has changed, that it has become an effete thing, as some of the religions of the east, but because of ourselves, because of our conceptions and manipulation of the forces of Christianity, that 90 per cent of our young people feel that they can do without it. We hire a pastor to draw a crowd to our church, and to earn his own salary, and we expect that our thinking men and women and our young people are going to accept such a situation.

Wherever there is a fire, whether in a city or in the heart of a Christian church, there will come the crowd, and there will be the conversions. If the church should revive in its heart the old apostolic spirit, Christianity would make the same marvelous progress as in the days of the Roman empire."

Another remedy for the apathy common among the young people of the day is personal work among them, said the speaker. Speak kindly to the boys and girls about Christ and His teachings, and take the occasion to have private conversation and prayer with them.

In working with the young people, says Dr. MacLaurin, the pastor and Sunday school teachers, find their greatest difficulty in the apathy and cynicism of the parents. If the church with the co-operation of all the parents should make a business of interesting the children in the Sunday school and church and of helping them there until maturity was reached, a wonderful change would take place in the influence and extent of Christianity.

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SHOPPERS.

A Few Ways by Which They Try the Patience of Their Fellow Men.

The term shopper is undoubtedly of the feminine gender. Now and then men buy things, but that does not make them shoppers. You can tell the true shopper at a glance. It is she who spends her entire day among the stores searching with keen eyes for bargains, and it is she who is the despair of the salespeople. Recently during a busy day I stood in a store and watched a crowd of customers. Afterward I wondered how the unfortunate men and women behind the counters ever kept their tempers at all. It is with the idea of coming to the help of these much tried people that I am going to call the attention of women shoppers to the six particularly heinous offenses of which they are guilty:

First and Foremost—Bringing children into the large stores. Apart from the harm that is done to your child by placing it in an impure and overcrowded atmosphere there is the great discomfort which it causes to other people. The shopping district is no place for a child. It soon becomes nervous and fretful, it insists upon handling everything and getting into every one's way, and it is the most dreaded plague of the floorwalkers and salesmen who are responsible for the safety of the goods and the order of the store.

Second—Asking questions of saleswomen who are busy. I have always noticed that if two girls are standing behind a counter one of whom is busy and the other idle the customer will invariably address the former.

Third—Making the salesman take down all his goods when you really don't know what you do want. Make up your mind before you enter the store and if possible write a list stating the number of yards of material and the price you are able to pay. If you want samples, say so in the first place, and you will be cheerfully accommodated.

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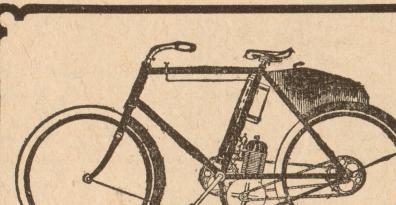
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HER COSTLIEST WAR.

England Has Already Spent \$730,000,000 In Fighting the Boers.

When the English budget was introduced, somebody said that every Boer killed had cost \$5,000. The estimate was generally accepted and commented upon without examination. The truth is, as a moment's reflection will show, that the figure is ridiculously low, says the New York Journal. The British have certainly not killed 10,000 Boers. It is doubtful whether they have killed 5,000. If it has cost them \$750,000,000 to kill 10,000 Boers, that is \$75,000 per Boer; if only 5,000 have been disposed of, the butcher's bill amounts to \$150,000 apiece.

There were less than 40,000 Boer families in the two republics when the war began. England could have given every family \$200 to keep quiet without spending any more than she has paid for fighting. The Boer republics, whose combined population is less than that of Detroit or Milwaukee, have given the British empire the most costly war it has ever had in its whole history in the same space of time.

England is borrowing \$300,000,000 to pay a mere installment of the cost of the Boer war. The British national debt practically began in the reign of William III, and the entire amount borrowed in that reign, including the support of an eight years' war with France, was \$60,000,000. The ten years' war of the Spanish succession added \$115,000,000 to the British national debt.

The nine years of war from the beginning of hostilities with Spain in 1739 to the end of the general war of the Austrian succession in 1748 called for borrowings to the amount of \$145,000,000. The great Seven Years' war involved \$290,000,000 of new debt. The eight years' war of the American Revolution, including wars with France, Spain and Holland, required loans to the amount of \$580,000,000. The greatest amount borrowed by Great Britain in any one year in the wars of the French revolution was \$150,000,000 in 1793, repeated in 1797. The greatest amount borrowed in any one year during the Napoléonic wars was \$198,000,000, in 1813. The Crimean war of three years increased the national debt by \$195,000,000.

The Boer war has lasted a year and a half. In that time England has had to borrow more than she ever borrowed in any two years of any other war in her history. Moreover, she has spent more than we spent in our civil war in the same length of time. Our most expensive year was the fiscal year 1865, when we had over million soldiers under arms. In that year our war expenses, military and naval, were nominally \$1,153,307,834.13, but as they were paid in depreciated paper, whose average value was 49% cents on the dollar, the actual gold cost of the war for the year was \$570,887,377.89. England has paid over \$750,000,000 in gold for a year and a half of Boer fighting and expects to pay a billion before the job is over.

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BASEBALL MANAGERS.

Ed Hanlon's Success Due to His Treatment of Players.

A BAD YEAR FOR PROPHETS.

George E. Stackhouse Comments on the Value of "Fraternal Feelings" In Teams—Kid Nichols a Combination of Good Playing Qualities.

Counting their baseball chickens before they are hatched is a pleasant occupation with many enthusiasts in the early spring, and as it does nobody any real harm possibly no one has any right to protest.

But a word of warning may not be out of place at this time of the year. The baseball conditions are vastly different from those which existed previously. The changes in the rules and

the Polo grounds because some of the other twirlers' wings are out of gear, but Crane was not feeling like himself, and he refused. A wild youngster was put in, and the visitors began to hit our fast. Day was sitting in the stand, his face the picture of misery. It cut him to the quick to see his team beaten, and the boys on the field were working like Trojans to avert it if possible, but that young twirler was up in the clouds, and the game seemed lost. Crane happened to look over and saw that Day's face was as white as marble. "I can't stand it," said the big pitcher as he made a rush for the clubhouse to don his uniform. "Mr. Day shan't suffer like that even if I have to pitch my arm off."

Crane was out on the field in a jiffy, pitching them over the plate so fast that the batting streak of the visitors stopped as if by magic. The New Yorks braced up under the old pitcher and eventually batted out one of the most exciting games ever seen in the metropolis. Day went to the clubhouse at the conclusion of the battle, and, walking over to the big pitcher, he took his hand and shook it warmly. He did not say a word. He did not have to. He couldn't. Crane's grimy paw wiped some suspicious looking moisture from his face as John B. Day left the room. He was the proudest man in all New York that night.

Is there a club owner in any of the leagues today who can arouse any such fine sentiments? If there is, I don't know him.

If I should make a guess, I would pick Hanlon for the boss and Kid Nichols for the player. Nichols has been pitching in Boston for a dozen years, but nobody ever thinks of calling him anything except the Kid. He is a player who is an honor to his profession. Ever willing and anxious to work, he is looking out for the best interests of his team at all times. A man of temperate habits and few vices, he is likely to last for many more years.

Nichols is a striking refutation of the old saying that a professional ball player had mighty few years in which to gather the shekels in his chosen profession, and he is pitching ball as well today as he did in that famous game back in 1890 when he and Rusie were opposed to each other. For a dozen innings the New York and Boston teams had battled without a run. Rusie, as big as an ox, was beginning to feel the strain, and Nichols knew it. Two men were out in the thirteenth inning when Mike Tiernan came to the bat. Nichols had two strikes on Tiernan. Then he tried to fool Mike with straight speedy ball. Tiernan landed on the trademark, and the ball went over the center field fence. That ball was gilded and is in a glass case in a Harlem resort today. Probably no two men ever pitched finer ball in a game than Rusie and Nichols did that day.

GEORGE E. STACKHOUSE.

In the personnel of the different teams are bound to be felt this year, and the overenthusiastic prophet who is considered a wise man in his tribe in the spring may be compelled to take to the woods before the present season is half over.

Paper champions in the spring and real champions in the fall are different sorts of persons. Our Pittsburgh friends were going to eat up all opponents early in the season, so that they would not have so much ground to make up later in the season, but they dropped two out of the first three games, and the men of Dreyfuss will have just as hard a row to hoe this season as they did last. The team is good, there is no question of that fact, but it will have to play ball from flag fall to finish to keep near the front. Overconfidence is a bad thing in baseball, and nobody knows this any better than the same crafty Dreyfuss.

The man above all others who seems to have the logical right to feel confident is saying nothing, but is sawing a lot of wood. That same modest man is Ed Hanlon, the cleverest manager of them all. Hanlon has not as yet rounded out the Brooklyn team, and it may be some time before he succeeds in doing just what he desires.

Meanwhile the champions will continue to play good ball, and when the players are good and fit look out for them. There is harmony in the team in the city of churches and trolleys, and that is half the battle. I have seen much of the Brooklyn players recently, and if there is a happier family in the baseball kingdom I never heard of it.

It is that fraternal feeling which has done so much to enable Hanlon to make the remarkable record he has made since he discarded knickerbockers for civilian costume and began to direct his men from the bench.

Select has this ability to engender a brotherly attitude among his men, but in more limited quantities. Comiskey has a great deal of the same material in his composition, and the American league officials did better than they knew when they delegated the old St. Louis leader to Chicago to break the ice and get into League territory at the same time. Connie Mack, at Philadelphia, is another good manager, and Rogers and Reach possibly far Mack more than they do all the rest of the American league officials.

But, while discussing the fraternal feelings which exist between club owner or manager and the players, there never has been a man in the game who was so genuinely loved by his players as was John B. Day, the old owner of the New York club. Day believed in and looked after his men, and they believed in him, and yet this one man's fortune was sacrificed by the brotherhood outbreak. No man except John Ward would have been able to get the ball players away from Day, and I guess he is sorry he ever did it.

I remember a little incident which will illustrate in a measure the regard the players had for Day. Veterans will receive a well merited boom. He is looked on as one of the wealthiest men in the bicycle industry, being a millionaire several times over. Prior to his present connection Mr. Coleman was owner of the Crescent Wheel works.

One day they wanted him to pitch at

winner in such a sensational manner of the last six day race in Madison Square Garden, New York; Owen Kimball, hailing from the Blue Grass State and generally known as "Old Kaintuck;" John T. Fisher of Chicago, and Bobby Walther of Cambridge, Mass.

Mr. Coleman is typical of what the "gentleman sportsman" should be. He is a fair man, and it is needless to say that cycle races under his guidance will receive a well merited boom. He is looked on as one of the wealthiest men in the bicycle industry, being a millionaire several times over. Prior to his present connection Mr. Coleman was owner of the Crescent Wheel works.

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The oil fever has struck New Orleans in earnest, and thousands of persons are investing their money in hundreds of companies. Stock is being sold on every hand, and the possibilities are that the next few days will find scores more of newly incorporated organizations taking the money of the investors.

It is impossible at present to sift the wheat from the chaff, and it will not be known until the excitement is over how many of the companies are of the wildcat kind, says the New York Herald. Advertisements are all that is necessary to sell any kind of oil stock at this moment, and big and little investors are throwing their money into the treasures of those first in the field.

Since the day the news of the Lucas gusher reached New Orleans, six other big gushers have been struck in the Beaumont vicinity. The second and third and fourth caused no end of excitement, but the striking of big wells is getting to be such a common occurrence that they are passing unnoticed.

Reports from the oilfields state that within a month half a hundred gushers will be throwing oil around Beaumont. Prices of land within a hundred miles of the oil center have increased from the value of farm property to that of New York real estate. Thousands of dollars an acre have been asked in many places, and the offerings are taken up as fast as they are made. Money seems to be plentiful, and a careful estimate places the real estate transactions at hundreds of thousands of dollars a week.

Men all over the southern states are oil crazy. Everybody is anxious to get in on the ground floor, and the railways are having all they can do to carry travelers to the Lone Star State. Every railway train out of New Orleans to Texas is crowded with men going to Beaumont to look over the ground. It reminds the old prospectors of the days of Cripple Creek and other western points in the days of the gold strikes. It is a case of "Beaumont or bust" with everybody at present. In Beaumont the situation is terrible. It is an impossibility to secure accommodation at any price, and thousands of persons are going hungry loaded down with money, oil stock or property deeds worth millions.

A new phase of the Beaumont situation serious in its possibilities was firmly met by the town council. Speculators were beginning to set up borings within the city limits. The striking of a gusher would have meant the inundation of the city with oil. Once on fire, Beaumont would have been another Pompeii.

Sensible of the danger to property and life, to say nothing of the possibility of finding oil beneath public edifices or in other inconvenient places, the council promptly prohibited boring of oil wells within the corporate limits. Crafty bores sought to dodge the prohibition by applying for permission to bore for artesian wells, but the council turned all such applications down.

A disappointed bores proposes to establish a company, to pave the streets and line the exteriors of the houses with asbestos. Of the many corporations interested in the oil business, several are of immense proportions. A New Orleans concern was formed recently with a capital stock of \$10,000,000. Prominent men are behind the concern, and it holds options on several valuable tracts of land. The entire \$10,000,000 of stock was taken, and 20 per cent of the money has been subscribed. The stock is already held at par, and it is impossible to buy at that figure. Stocks that sold a few days ago for 10 cents a \$1 share are worth five times that price.

Companies with capital stocks of \$50,000 and up to millions are catching the dollars of the small investors. Fortunes will be made in New Orleans in oil stocks within the next few months, and fortunes may be lost. Several stocks have already been listed on the Stock Exchange, and the trading in them has been remarkable.

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made good, or any orders drawn upon a fund after it has been exhausted, nor when the liabilities outstanding and previously incurred and payable from such fund are sufficient to exhaust it.

STREETS AND WALKS.

The most expensive and perplexing matter pertaining to public improvements which confronts the common council and taxpayers of our city is the manner in which our streets and walks must be maintained, having in view the ultimate minimum cost, and removing the annoyance, vexation and expense constantly arising by way of litigation for alleged injuries received from defects therein. There is no question but that the only method by which these results can be accomplished is by the continuation of the substantial improvement of the streets by paving; (considerable of this has already been done and more is to follow, if I am correctly informed, during this fiscal year). If the action of the common council in having our charter so amended, that in the future the walks of this city are to be constructed of cement only, is strictly adhered to, the knotty problem as to streets and walks will be solved. Believing that the time has come when our citizens almost unanimously concede, that, with regard to our streets and walks, we are now working upon the only feasible plans; in the selection of a standing committee on streets and walks, I have endeavored to place members of the common council who are in accord with these concessions; who have already had considerable experience in the duties incumbent on this committee and who will, no doubt, see that the good work is vigorously continued.

WATER SUPPLY.

The wisdom of our predecessors in placing the ownership of this public improvement in the city is now practically conceded. As all public improvements of this nature should be so constructed that all our citizens may be under fire protection, I would recommend that the water mains and hydrants be extended to all portions of the city at the present time outside of fire protection. I further recommend that the rates for water takers be fixed at the lowest possible figures consistent with the actual running expenses of this department, so that the benefits arising from the use of our beautiful supply of the best water on earth may be enjoyed by every householder. In this connection it seems to me the fact is being lost sight of that we have at our command an unlimited supply of the best mineral water ever discovered; and the city, at the present time, being owner of one of the wells which has supplied the trade with large quantities of this excellent medicinal water, it would, in my opinion, be a proper exercise of the powers of this council to again place the city well in producing condition, and give to the public the benefit of this natural medicinal remedy which has been so inexpensively placed at our disposal.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

We can certainly feel as proud of this department as of any other. Having spent 20 years of my life, as a member of the volunteer fire department, I have always felt considerable interest in fire protection and embrace each opportunity to inspect the departments of other cities, and reports of same, and I unhesitatingly assert that no city of equal population can surpass us in the efficiency of this department. I think it advisable to put in the new telephone alarm system, which I am informed is simple and of small expense and works perfectly. I would be pleased to have the committee on fire department fully investigate and report to the council the result of the same, together with the probable cost.

BRIDGES.

I would advise that our bridges be examined at once by a competent engineer, and if any repairs are needed have them done without delay. Railroad corporations examine theirs every thirty days, and we should do the same as often as once if not twice a year. Ten years ago men would have thought it impractical to construct cement arches to take the place of steel trusses in bridge building. But with the satisfactory experience of the last few years and the amount of available information on this subject at present, no one can doubt that the day is not far distant when the steel truss will be less frequently employed than the cement arch. With a proper selection of material, by testing, and with skillful superintending and handling, concrete possesses a decided advantage over steel, in that instead of weakening over steel, in that instead of growing stronger. Steel constantly deteriorates, due to the action of water causing rust and inefficiency, and 5 to 20 per cent in ten years, due to crystallization from vibration. For these reasons steel bridges must be well cared for and must have a considerable fund for their maintenance. On the concrete arch the roadway of earth or gravel or pavement is continued directly across the bridge, requiring no more attention than is usually given a road bed. No painting is necessary on any part of the concrete arch. In short, practically no maintenance is required of any kind. Materials and labor for construction are always procurable in the immediate vicinity, so a great part of the funds for such improvements are retained by the residents of the locality instead of going to outside parties. There must be a new bridge constructed at Factory street this year, and I recom-

mend that the same be made with a single arch of cement.

SCHOOLS.

One of the greatest interests of our city is her schools. For over fifty years Ypsilanti has been pre-eminently a school town. The old Seminary—now the High School, a first-class college preparatory school—dates back to 1854. It has now an annual enrollment of nearly 300 pupils.

The State Normal College began its work in 1852, and now enrolls over 1,200 students. The Cleary Business College was established in 1883, and has a yearly attendance of 400. The primary and grammar grades of our city schools justly take high rank. These institutions draw to our city a large line of non-resident students, and many families remove here to educate their children. A new \$20,000 model public school is being erected in the fifth ward, and the legislature has recently appropriated \$50,000 for a science building at the Normal. The advancement of our schools is a matter of congratulation to all our citizens, and is to be encouraged in every proper way.

MARKETS.

The city market having been purchased by school district No. 4, it will be necessary for you to provide another one or remove existing restrictions by repealing ordinance No. 8. In this connection it might be the proper and best to establish a market in each district, and extend the provisions of the present ordinance to include with hay, straw and wood, the balance of farm products. However, I will leave the matter in the hands of the committee on markets with request that they give it immediate attention.

PARKS AND LAWNS.

Beautiful lawns, decked tastefully with shrubs and flowers, have a charm that captivates a large majority, and it seems to me that the cost in this direction is so small that it is almost gross negligence and indifference when any yard is not kept in a tidy, pleasing condition. Let each and every citizen try it this year and every street will be a boulevard, and the taste for beautifying will increase with each and all as the years roll by. In this connection the city should do its share by way of public parks. There is today (I am informed) available for this purpose that which exists in scarcely any other city, viz: a parcel of land lying in the heart of our city, along the bank of the river, between the two main thoroughfares, where a park could be located and maintained at a nominal expense, which would be constantly enjoyed by all our citizens. I believe and recommend that the necessary action should be taken at once by the council, acting in concert with the citizens, to procure this plot of ground and convert it from its present use into a Central Park, which, owing to its location, would make a very attractive addition to our public improvements, and one which would be enjoyed and appreciated by citizens, guests and strangers.

PUBLIC INTERESTS.

One thing that has made the strongest impression on my mind is the subject of what can be done to give the male population, and especially the young men of our city, employment.

Anyone with ordinary observation must have noticed that many of the brightest young men of our city have had to leave their homes to seek employment elsewhere, because no avenues of employment were open for them here. I see but one remedy and that is this, by inducing manufacturers to locate here. There is not a person in the entire city who can name a place situated on the M. C. R. R. between Niagara Falls and Chicago that nature has done more for than for Ypsilanti toward making it a manufacturing center. This is a great opportunity, and in old New England would be taken advantage of within thirty days. Very few cities, if any, can hold out inducements by way of educational facilities, healthful location, advantageous shipping facilities, together with a low rate of taxation, equal to Ypsilanti. If you knew the sum total price of the manufactured goods that are now being made and shipped from here you would be astonished, and there is no plausible reason why this sum cannot be doubled, and even quadrupled. Let us then be up and doing, for I sincerely believe that, with the common council and our citizens acting as a unit in this matter, we can, within the next year, make such a stride in this direction that our city will soon be a veritable hive of industry. Cities of this state are creatures of the legislature; by the provisions of our charter the management of our municipal affairs are placed in the hands of a few, from time to time, chosen by the majority. The powers to act and the manner in which you should perform your duties in this connection are provided in the Act of Incorporation, supplemented by the ordinances of the city. In the provisions of the act, the legislature wisely considered the interests of all and not those of any particular minority. The city affairs are this year in your hands, and I hope that in the exercise of your powers, you will constantly have in mind the interests of all the citizens. May your deliberations be guided by wisdom and conservatism, and your meetings conducted in that spirit of harmony and good will which begets sound beneficial legislation. Then the end of this fiscal year will complete a period of general improvement and prosperity in our city, and all can say well done.

Mayor's Office,
Ypsilanti, Mich., May 6, 1901.
To the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I appoint Sumner Damon as a commissioner of public works to succeed himself.

Mayor's Office,
Ypsilanti, Mich., May 6, 1901.
To the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I hereby appoint the following board of police commissioners: Henry S. Platt, for the term of three years.

Daniel Quirk, Jr., for the term of two years.

Edward P. Allen for the term of one year.

Mayor's Office,
Ypsilanti, Mich., May 6, 1901.
To the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I appoint the following standing committees for the ensuing year:

Ways and Means—Gaudy, Stevens and Brown.

Streets and Walks—Van Fossen, Worden and Berg.

Fire Department—Colby, Boyce and Ostrander.

Bridges—Stevens, Berg and Brown.

Ordinances—Van Fossen, Moore and Stevens.

Printing—Boyce, Gaudy and Worden.

Markets—Ostrander, Boyce and Gaudy.

Salaries—Moore, Brown and Van Fossen.

Supplies—Berg, Colby and Stevens.

Cemeteries—Brown, Worden and Gaudy.

Pounds—Colby, Ostrander and Boyce.

The council also elected the following officers by the votes indicated:

Mayor's Office,
Ypsilanti, Mich., May 6, 1901.
To the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I appoint the following officers for the year ending the first Monday of May, 1902:

Health Physician—Dr. Harry Britton.

Fire Warden, first district—Stanton Ferguson.

Fire Warden, second district—Wm. Cheshire.

Pound Master, second district—Geo. Thayer.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Ypsilanti, Mich.:

Gentlemen—Owing to a change of residence, having moved into the second judicial district, I hereby tender my resignation as constable for the first judicial district.

Yours respectfully,

J. B. ARMS.

On motion resignation accepted.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Ypsilanti:

The undersigned, freeholders of said city, hereby make application to you to discontinue the highway running diagonally across a part of the southwest quarter of section five, from the middle Ann Arbor road to the south Ann Arbor road, the center line of which road forms a part of the western boundary of said city, one-half of said highway being within the limits of the city of Ypsilanti, the other half of said highway being in the township of Ypsilanti. Application having also been made to the highway commissioner of the township of Ypsilanti to discontinue said highway.

Dated April 29, 1901.

C. W. MANSFIELD,
N. B. HARDING,
J. M. WALLACE,
W. J. CLARK,
JAMES HUNTOON,
HENRY J. LE FURGE,
J. FRANK SMITH,
D. A. GRIFFIN.

On motion referred to committee on streets and walks.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Ypsilanti:

Your petitioners would humbly pray you to extend the storm sewer on S. Huron street to the south line of Woodard street, and to extend the brick pavement, as now started, to the south line of Michigan street and from the south line of Michigan street to the south line of Catherine street, an asphalt block pavement, 30 feet wide.

ESTATE OF GEO. MOORMAN,

R. W. Hemphill, administrator.

YPSILANTI SAVINGS BANK,

R. W. Hemphill, cashier.

C. E. KING.

C. S. WORTLEY.

H. P. GLOVER.

HERBERT W. CHILDS.

HELEN C. SWIFT.

D. C. GRIFFIN.

JOHN S. LANG.

A. F. BURBANK.

DR. HELEN McANDREW.

FRED W. GREEN.

JENNETTE B. CAMPBELL.

On motion referred to committee on streets and walks.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Ypsilanti:

Your petitioners would humbly pray you to order an asphalt block pavement on Woodard street from the westerly line of Huron street to the easterly line of Washington street, 18 feet wide.

H. P. GLOVER,

HERBERT W. CHILDS.

On motion referred to the committee on streets and walks.

DRUGGISTS' BONDS.

C. W. Rogers, principal, with L. M.

James and Erastus Samson sureties in \$2,000.

On motion bond accepted and approved.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

District Highway Funds—

Second district—Pay roll.....\$ 9 60

Third district—Pay roll..... 3 75

Fourth district—Pay roll..... 30 00

Motion that orders be drawn on the various funds to pay the several bills.

Roll call—Ayes—10. Nays—0.

Carried.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved That Tobias Sutherland and Edmund Hendricks be and they are hereby appointed yellows commissioners for the first and second judicial districts, respectively, of the city of Ypsilanti; and further

Resolved, That the Mayor appoint a committee of three aldermen who shall direct said commissioners. Carried.

Motion by Ald. Colby that the appointment of S. Damon be confirmed. Carried.

Resolution by Ald. Colby:

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be and is hereby appropriated from the Contingent Fund to be paid by Carpenter Post, G. A. R., to assist in the proper observance of the approaching Memorial Day. Roll called; 10 ayes.—Carried.

Motion by Ald. Colby to ballot for City Treasurer; 10 ballots cast, of which F. L. Gallup received 8, R. W. Hemphill, 2. F. L. Gallup declared elected.

Motion to ballot for City Clerk.

Ten ballots cast, of which W. L. McLeod received 7 and Jas. E. McGregor received 3. W. L. McLeod declared elected.

Motion to ballot for City Attorney.

Ten ballots cast, of which Fred W. Green received 8 and Tracy L. Towner received 2. Fred W. Green declared elected.

Motion to elect Street Commissioner.

Ten ballots cast, of which A. McPherson received 7. Thos. Ryan 1, blank 2. A. McPherson declared elected.

Motion to ballot for chief of Fire Department.

Ten ballots cast, of which Isaac Davis received 7, W. W. Worden 3. Isaac Davis declared elected.

Motion to ballot for City Engineer.

Ten ballots cast, of which C. S. Woodward received 3, blank 7. No election.

Motion to ballot for First District Sewer Assessor.

Ten ballots cast, of which Jay Worden received 3 and W. B. Seymour received 7. W. B. Seymour declared elected.

Motion to ballot for second Sewer Assessor.

Ten ballots cast, of which F. P. Hunt received 7, blank 3. F. P. Hunt declared elected.

Motion to ballot for third Sewer Assessor.

Ten ballots cast, of which Chas. O. Barnes received 7, blank 3. Chas. O. Barnes declared elected.

Motion to elect President of the Council.

Ten ballots cast, of which G. M. Gaudy received 7, C. L. Stevens 1, blank 2. Geo. M. Gaudy declared elected.

The Mayor appointed as Special Committee on Yellows Ald